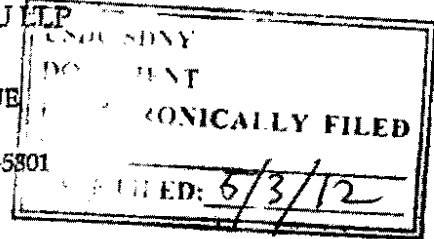


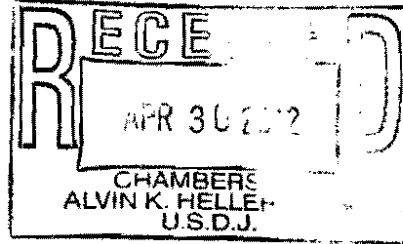
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Dear Judge Hellerstein:

I am writing on behalf of defendant Mine Safety Appliances Company (MSA) to request an extension of time. MSA's responsive pleading was originally due on April 21, 2012. While this case was pending in the New York County Supreme Court, MSA and plaintiffs agreed to an extension of this deadline to May 21, 2012. Yesterday MSA received notice of the case's removal to federal court. In light of this development, plaintiffs, through their counsel Belluck & Fox, LLP, have agreed to an additional extension of MSA's time to answer or otherwise respond to plaintiffs' verified complaint to June 4, 2012. Accordingly, we respectfully request the Court's approval of the extension to June 4, 2012. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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